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## US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, FT MONROE 102 MCNAIR DRIVE

FORT MONROE VIRGINIA 23651-1047 September 3, 2009

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Subject: PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Disposal and Reuse of Fort Monroe,

Virginia

Dear Recipient,

You are hereby notified of the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Disposal and Reuse of Fort Monroe, Virginia. The DEIS provides an evaluation of potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts of the disposal and reuse of Fort Monroe in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and implementing regulations issued by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500–1508), the Army (32 CFR Part 651), and the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Base Redevelopment and Realignment Manual – Department of Defense 4165.66M). The Army's primary action is to dispose of surplus property as a result of the closure of Fort Monroe under the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) mandate. Reuse of Fort Monroe by others is a secondary action resulting from disposal.

The DEIS will undergo a 45-day public comment period beginning with publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) on September 11, 2009. Interested parties are invited to review and comment on this DEIS during this time (comments must be received by October 26, 2009). During this 45-day comment period, the Army will be conducting a Public Meeting to which it invites the public, federally-recognized tribes, and federal, state, and local agencies to learn about, and comment on the DEIS. This meeting will be held at the Hampton Roads Convention Center 1610 Coliseum Dr., Hampton, VA 23666-4350 (757-315-1610) from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2009. The convention center is located adjacent to the Hampton Coliseum and directions are available on line at <a href="www.thehrcc.com">www.thehrcc.com</a>. The meeting will be held as an open forum, during which Army representatives will make a brief presentation describing the NEPA process and the findings in the DEIS. Written comments will also be accepted during the meeting. Individuals may attend at their convenience during the above time period.

An electronic version of the DEIS is provided on the enclosed CD and the DEIS is also available on the Web at <a href="http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsimweb/brac/nepa\_eis\_docs.htm">http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsimweb/brac/nepa\_eis\_docs.htm</a>. Hard copies of the DEIS are also available at the following libraries:

Hampton Main Library 4207 Victoria Blvd. Hampton, VA 23669
Northhampton Branch Library 936 Big Bethel Road Hampton, VA 23669
Phoebus Branch Library 1 South Mallory Street Hampton, VA 23663
Willow Oaks Branch Library 227 Fox Hill Road Hampton, VA 23669

George Wythe Law Library 101 Kings Way, 2nd Floor Hampton, VA 23669

Questions and comments regarding this action must observe the October 26 deadline and should be addressed to: Director, Directorate of Public Works, 318 Cornog Lane, Fort Monroe, VA 23651. Comments can also be sent to the following e-mail address: <a href="mailto:monr.post.nepapublic@us.army.mil">monr.post.nepapublic@us.army.mil</a>. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Director, Public Works

Enclosure